

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): Bending pliers for perforated bone plates, comprising:

two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart peg members at a fixed distance to one another with an axial extent and having a first circumference operable for insertion through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received, the peg members having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types; and

a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two peg members, wherein the pressure-exerting element is of a substantially peg-shaped design and has a second circumference inoperable to engage the holes of the bone plate;

wherein the two peg members of the receiving jaw are fixed along a single axis;

wherein the pressure exerting jaw is selectively operable to move transverse to the single axis.

2. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the peg members are designed for form-fitting cooperation with different hole types.

3. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the peg members have an outside diameter which increases in a stepped or continuous manner starting from free ends of the peg members.

4. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the peg members extend substantially perpendicularly to a pressure-exerting direction.

5. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the peg members extend substantially parallel to a pressure-exerting direction.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein, in a pressure-exerting position, the two peg members and the peg-shaped pressure-exerting element extend substantially parallel or perpendicularly to one another.

8. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 1, wherein the axial extent of the peg members corresponds approximately to the axial extent of the pressure-exerting element.

9. (Currently Amended): A bending-pliers system comprising:

bending pliers having two jaws movable relative to one another, including a receiving jaw having two spaced-apart peg members at a fixed distance to one another

with an axial extent and having a first circumference operable for insertion through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received[[],];

a pressure-exerting jaw comprising a pressure-exerting element which, when the bending pliers are actuated, cooperates with a received bone plate in a region between the two peg members, the peg members having an outside diameter which is variable along their axial extent in order to cooperate with different hole types, wherein the pressure-exerting element is of a substantially peg-shaped design and has a second circumference inoperable to engage the holes of the bone plate; and

at least two types of substantially planar bone plates, each with a different hole type, or a substantially planar bone plate with holes of different types;

wherein the two peg members of the receiving jaw are fixed along a single axis;

wherein the pressure exerting jaw is selectively operable to move transverse to the single axis.

10. (Original): The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the bone plates are bone plates with a single row of holes.

11. (Original): The bending-pliers system according to claim 9, wherein the distances between each two holes of different types of bone plates or of a bone plate with regionally different hole types are equal or are an integral multiple of one another.

12. (Currently Amended): Bending-pliers with jaws that are moveable relative to one another, comprising:

a first jaw having two spaced-apart peg members at a fixed distance to one

another, the peg members of the first jaw having a first circumference operable for insertion through holes of a substantially planar bone plate to be received, the peg members each having a free end and an outside diameter that increases starting from the free end; and

a second jaw supporting a counter-bearing element that cooperates upon actuation of the bending pliers with a received bone plate in a region between the two peg members of the first jaw, wherein the counter-bearing element is of a substantially peg-shaped design and has a second circumference inoperable to engage the holes of the bone plate;

wherein the first and second jaws are moveable relative to one another;

wherein the two peg members of the receiving jaw are fixed along a single axis;

wherein the pressure exerting jaw is selectively operable to move transverse to the single axis.

13. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers of claim 12, wherein the peg members are designed to form-fittingly cooperate with bone plate holes of different diameters.

14. (Previously Presented): The bending pliers according to claim 12, wherein the peg members extend substantially perpendicularly to a direction in which the counter-bearing element is moved when the bending-pliers are actuated.